

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA- 581

Benzinger House

16214 Yeoho Road

Sparks, Baltimore County

1880 ca.

Private

The Benzinger House, initially constructed circa 1880 and then enlarged circa 1900, is representative of the many vernacular dwellings constructed throughout Baltimore County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is unique in its presentation of two apparently separate dwellings joined on their side elevations. As late as 1877, the area surrounding the intersection of Yeoho Road and Benson Mill Road remained agrarian and traversed only by farmland. The property on which the Benzinger House had not yet been developed by the late 1870s, and in 1915, the county atlas depicted the extant structure with a label indicating that it was a store. This indication might suggest that half of the structure served as a dwelling while the other half was reserved for commercial use. The Benzinger House dates to a late 19th century period of modest growth in the surrounding rural community.

The vernacular Benzinger House is now a twin dwelling that rises two stories. The vinyl-clad wood frame structure presents a façade (northeast elevation) composed of two three-bay-wide apartments. Spanning the width of the building is a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal and a random rubble stone foundation. One interior chimney of stretcher bond brick with a corbeled cap rises from the center of the roof ridge. An exterior chimney that has been capped off at the first story is located on the gable end wall of the building. Exterior architectural analysis suggests that the south three bays comprise the original façade, with the north three bays added circa 1900. Two ells project from the southwest elevation, and these have been connected by a narrow addition with a shed roof. A one-story, shed-roofed porch now spans the width of the south ell. The south three bays of the façade feature a central entry with a six-panel single-leaf wood door flanked by two full-height 2/2 windows. Three small 6/6 windows pierce the second story. A six-panel single-leaf wood door flanked by two 2/2 windows centrally pierces the north three bays. Three 6/6 windows are located on the second story. A one-story, one-bay-square entry porch shelters each entry with a gabled roof supported by square wood posts. All façade openings have vinyl surrounds and sills. A circa 1880 barn, circa 1880 outbuilding of unknown historic use, and circa 1980 animal shelter are also located on the property.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA- 581

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic

other

Benzinger House

2. Location

street and number 16214 Yeoho Road

not for publication

city, town Sparks

vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John C.G. Boyce, Jr.

street and number 15408 Duncan Hill Road, Box 65

telephone Not Available

city, town Butler

state MD

zip code 21023

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse

liber 6366 folio 467

city, town Towson

tax map 27

tax parcel 28

tax ID number 0502020025

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1880 and then significantly enlarged circa 1900, the vernacular Benzinger House is now a twin dwelling that rises two stories. The vinyl-clad wood frame structure presents a façade (northeast elevation) composed of two three-bay-wide apartments. Spanning the width of the building is a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal and a random rubble stone foundation. One interior chimney of stretcher bond brick with a corbeled cap rises from the center of the roof ridge. An exterior chimney that has been capped off at the first story is located on the gable end wall of the building. Exterior architectural analysis suggests that the south three bays comprise the original façade, with the north three bays added circa 1900. Two ells project from the southwest elevation, and these have been connected by a narrow addition with a shed roof. A one-story, shed-roofed porch now spans the width of the south ell. The south three bays of the façade feature a central entry with a six-panel single-leaf wood door flanked by two full-height 2/2 windows. Three small 6/6 windows pierce the second story. A six-panel single-leaf wood door flanked by two 2/2 windows centrally pierces the north three bays. Three 6/6 windows are located on the second story. A one-story, one-bay-square entry porch shelters each entry with a gabled roof supported by square wood posts. All façade openings have vinyl surrounds and sills.

To the southwest of the dwelling is a circa 1880 outbuilding of unknown historic use. The building has been extensively altered and now serves as a dwelling/tenant house. The random rubble stone foundation is visible at one end. The wood frame structural system is clad in pressed vertical board siding. The structure has a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal. One two-light sliding double-leaf door, three one-light awning window and two one-light casement windows pierce its façade.

The barn, which dates to circa 1880, is a two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide wood frame structure clad in pressed vertical board siding. The barn has a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal and a solid random rubble stone foundation. A flush vertical board sliding double-leaf wood door pierces the façade. The side of the building is dominated by a one-story shed-roofed addition.

A circa 1980 animal shelter is also located on the property. The wood frame building, which is clad in pressed vertical board siding, features a shed roof clad in standing seam metal. One single-leaf doorway pierces the façade.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1880 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1880 ca., 1900 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877); see also *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hereford

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1880, the Benzinger House has been associated with the 12.68 acres known as tax parcel 28 of map 27 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

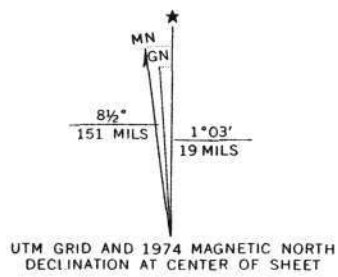
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Parkton, Baltimore County
USGS Quad Map: Hereford

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Benzinger House
16214 Yeoho Road
Sparks, Baltimore County
USGS Quad Map: Hereford

BA-0577
Akehurst House
16206 Yeoho Road
Sparks, Baltimore County
USGS Quad Map: Hereford

BA 2410

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BENZINGER HOUSE - 1877-1900 - West side of Yeoho Road, 0.55 mile south of Benson Mill Road, first house north of site BA 577. Large, double house in vernacular style, frame and clapboard, painted white, six bays wide; full-width front porch; gable roof of tin; inside end-chimneys plus a central chimney between the two half houses. Also large back building. Old wisteria vines on porch. Owner: James F. Benzinger.